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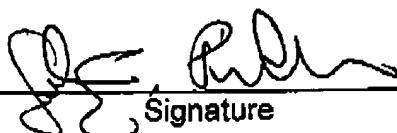
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Application No. : 09/913,977  
Group Art Unit : 1724  
Examiner : Robert J. Popovics  
Filing Date : August 20, 2001

For: Filtration Cartridge and Process for Filtering a Slurry

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This Response is a reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment that issued in connection with the above-identified application on October 4, 2006. The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number 501-908 under for any deficiency or overpayment of fees necessary for this reply. This Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.